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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99-750-B)

In re Application of:)
Gert Sarlet et al.)
Serial No.: 10/722,277) Art Unit: 2828
Filed: November 25, 2003) Examiner: Minsun Oh Harvey
For: Widely Wavelength Tunable Integrated)
Semiconductor Device and Method for)
Widely Wavelength Tuning)
Semiconductor Devices)

STATUS INQUIRY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an indication of the status of the above-referenced application. This application was filed on November 25, 2003. However, to date, Applicants have not received a first Office Action in the application. Applicants would gratefully appreciate receiving a written communication indicating when Applicants may expect to receive a first Office Action.

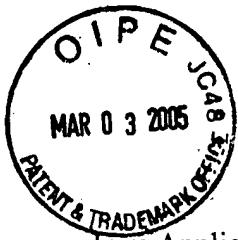
Respectfully Submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

1. Status Inquiry
2. Return Postcard

2. With respect to additional fees:

- A. No additional fee is required.
- B. Attached is a check in the amount of \$____.
- C. Charge the total additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

3. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

4. **CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8 (First Class Mail):** The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the document(s) as described in paragraph 1 hereinabove, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 24 day of February 2005.

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